

CLAIMS

1. A sprayer comprising:

a housing comprising a handle portion for gripping in an operator's hand;

a valve system within the handle portion of said housing, said valve system having a configuration that provides a combination of an off function and one or more spray functions, wherein said valve system comprises:

a bottom valve component;

a top valve component disposed above said bottom valve component, said top valve component having an underside; and

an inner valve component positioned between said bottom valve component and said top valve component, said inner valve component having a top surface and having an opening therein, wherein said inner valve component is rotatable relative to said bottom valve component and said top valve component, wherein at least one of the underside of said top valve component and said top surface of said inner valve component have a seal thereon; and

a selector switch operatively connected to said valve system, said selector switch having positions to both turn said sprayer off, and to set said valve system to said one or more sprayer settings.

2. A sprayer comprising:

a housing comprising a handle portion for gripping in an operator's hand between the operator's palm and fingers;

a valve system within said housing, said valve system having a configuration that provides more than one sprayer function; and

a selector switch operatively connected to said valve system, said selector switch having positions for said more than one sprayer settings, wherein said selector switch is located above at least a portion of said handle portion a distance from the portion of said handle

portion that fits in the operator's fingers, wherein said distance is within a range sufficient to permit the operator to move said selector switch with the operator's thumb of the same hand that is holding said sprayer by said handle portion.